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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: IAEA, PARM, SF, FR

SUBJECT: FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA ON IAEA BOARD OF
GOVERNORS

REF: STATE 083685

1. SUMMARY. FRENCH MFA SCIENCE DIRECTOR NAZELLE
REVIEWED TALKING POINTS AND GENERAL BACKGROUND CON-
TAINED IN REFERENCES TO REFTEL WITH EMBOFF ON
APRIL 14. NAZELLE SAID THE GOF COULD OFFER SYMPATHE-
TIC SUPPORT FOR THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DEMARCHE, COULD
NOT "REQUEST" SAG TO SIGN THE NPT OR ADOPT FULL FUEL
CYCLE SAFEGUARDS. HE ASKED THAT HE BE GIVEN A FEW
DAYS - UNTIL APRIL 20 - TO DETERMINE WHAT SPECIFIC
ACTION FRANCE COULD TAKE TO ASSIST EFFORT. END
SUMMARY.

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2. NAZELLE WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH GENERAL SITUATION
OF SAG AND ITS SEAT ON THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. HE
STATED HE HAD PERSONALLY DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE
SAG AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE STATING THAT THE GOF WOULD
WELCOME ANY MOVES THE SAG COULD TAKE AT AN EARLY DATE
ALONG THE LINES OF NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES.

HOWEVER, THE GOF COULD NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUEST THE SAG TO SIGN THE NPT AS FRANCE WAS NOT A SIGNATORY. AND FRANCE COULD NOT SPECIFICALLY URGE ADOPTION OF FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS AS THE GOF DOES NOT SUPPORT THAT PARTICULAR APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDS.

3. THE GOF CERTAINLY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE DEMARCHE AND AT LEAST SUPPORTS IN SPIRIT THE EFFORTS BY THE UK, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND THE US TO MOVE THE SAG TOWARD NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES. NAZELLE FEELS THAT THE GOF SHOULD MAKE SOME POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORT; HOWEVER, AS A NUMBER OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT INTERESTS HAD TO BE CONTACTED AND GOLDSCHMIDT, THE FRENCH MEMBER OF THE IAEA BOARD, IS NOW IN IRAN, NAZELLE WOULD NEED UNTIL TUESDAY, APRIL 19 OR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, TO COORDINATE A GOF POSITION.

4. IN SEPARATE APPROACH TO QUAI'S AFRICAN AFFAIRS SECTION, DEPUTY DIRECTOR HAREL STATED HE FELT GOF SHOULD BE FIRM ON ISSUE AND SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE DEMARCHE OBJECTIVES.

5. WE WILL ADVISE ON GOF POSITION ASAP.
HARLAN

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